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S. 1755

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote and improve employee ownership in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

November 20 (legislative day, November 2), 1993 Mr. Bingaman introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Employee Ownership
- 5 Promotion and Improvement Act of 1993".
- 6 SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF
- **7 1986.**
- 8 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
- 9 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
- 10 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-

1	sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a
2	section or other provision of the Internal Revenue Code
3	of 1986.
4	TITLE I—INVESTMENT
5	INCENTIVES
6	SEC. 101. EXCLUSION FOR GAIN FROM SALE OR EXCHANGE
7	OF CERTAIN STOCK OF AN EMPLOYEE
8	OWNED BUSINESS.
9	(a) IN GENERAL.—Part I of subchapter P of chapter
10	1 (relating to capital gains and losses) is amended by add-
11	ing at the end the following new section:
12	"SEC. 1203. EXCLUSION FOR GAIN FROM SALE OR EX-
13	CHANGE OF CERTAIN STOCK OF AN EM-
1314	CHANGE OF CERTAIN STOCK OF AN EM- PLOYEE OWNED BUSINESS.
14	PLOYEE OWNED BUSINESS.
14 15	PLOYEE OWNED BUSINESS. "(a) GENERAL RULE.—
141516	"(a) General Rule.— "(1) Exclusion.—In the case of a taxpayer
14151617	"(a) General Rule.— "(1) Exclusion.—In the case of a taxpayer other than a corporation who has gain from the sale
14 15 16 17 18	"(a) General Rule.— "(1) Exclusion.—In the case of a taxpayer other than a corporation who has gain from the sale or exchange of qualified stock of an employee owned
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14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	"(a) GENERAL RULE.— "(1) EXCLUSION.—In the case of a taxpayer other than a corporation who has gain from the sale or exchange of qualified stock of an employee owned business, gross income shall not include an amount equal to the sum of the amounts determined by applying the applicable percentages determined under paragraph (2) to such gain.

The applicable

	"In the case of stock held: percentage is:
	At least 5 years but less than 6 years 50
	At least 6 years but less than 7 years
	At least 7 years but less than 8 years
	At least 8 years but less than 9 years
	At least 9 years but less than 10 years
	10 or more years
1	"(b) Limitation.—
2	"(1) In General.—The aggregate amount of
3	gain which may be excluded under subsection (a) for
4	a taxable year shall not exceed \$250,000 reduced by
5	the aggregate amount of gain excluded by the tax-
6	payer under subsection (a) for prior taxable years.
7	"(2) Treatment of married individuals.—
8	"(A) Separate returns.—In the case of
9	a separate return by a married individual, para-
10	graph (1) shall be applied by substituting
11	'\$125,000' for '\$250,000'.
12	"(B) Allocation of exclusion.—In the
13	case of any joint return, the amount of gain
14	taken into account under subsection (a) shall be
15	allocated equally between the spouses for pur-
16	poses of applying this subsection to subsequent
17	taxable years.
18	"(C) Marital status.—For purposes of
19	this subsection, marital status shall be deter-
20	mined under section 7703.

1	"(c) Qualified Stock of an Employee Owned
2	Business.—For purposes of this section—
3	"(1) In general.—Except as otherwise pro-
4	vided in this section, the term 'qualified stock of an
5	employee owned business' means any stock in a cor-
6	poration which is issued by such corporation on or
7	after December 31, 1993, if—
8	"(A) as of the date of issuance, such cor-
9	poration is an employee owned business, and
10	"(B) except as provided in subsections (f)
11	and (h), such stock is acquired by the taxpayer
12	at its original issue (directly or through an un-
13	derwriter)—
14	"(i) in exchange for money or other
15	property (not including stock), or
16	"(ii) as compensation for services
17	(other than services performed as an un-
18	derwriter of such stock).
19	"(2) Active business requirement.—Stock
20	in a corporation shall not be treated as qualified
21	stock of an employee owned business unless, during
22	substantially all of the taxpayer's holding period for
23	such stock, such corporation meets the active busi-
24	ness requirements of subsection (e).

1	"(3) CERTAIN PURCHASES BY CORPORATION OF
2	ITS OWN STOCK.—
3	"(A) REDEMPTIONS FROM TAXPAYER OR
4	RELATED PERSON.—Stock acquired by the tax-
5	payer shall not be treated as qualified stock of
6	an employee owned business if, at any time dur-
7	ing the 4-year period beginning on the date 2
8	years before the issuance of such stock, the cor-
9	poration issuing such stock purchased (directly
10	or indirectly) any of its stock from the taxpayer
11	or from a person related (within the meaning of
12	section 267(b) or 707(b)) to the taxpayer.
13	"(B) Significant redemptions.—Stock
14	issued by a corporation shall not be treated as
15	qualified stock of an employee owned business
16	if, during the 2-year period beginning on the
17	date 1 year before the issuance of such stock,
18	such corporation made 1 or more purchases of
19	its stock with an aggregate value (as of the
20	time of the respective purchases) exceeding 5
21	percent of the aggregate value of all of its stock
22	as of the beginning of such 2-year period.
23	"(C) Treatment of certain trans-
24	ACTIONS.—If any transaction is treated under

section 304(a) as a distribution in redemption

1	of the stock of any corporation, for purposes of
2	subparagraphs (A) and (B), such corporation
3	shall be treated as purchasing an amount of its
4	stock equal to the amount treated as such a
5	distribution under section 304(a).
6	"(D) Exception for purchase of
7	STOCK FROM EMPLOYEES.—Subparagraph (A)
8	shall not apply to the purchase of stock by a
9	corporation from an employee in connection
10	with such employee's termination of employ-
11	ment with the corporation, or in connection
12	with repurchasing shares offered for sale by
13	employee shareholders.
14	"(4) Special rules.—
15	"(A) REPURCHASE BY CORPORATION,
16	ETC.—If—
17	"(i) stock in a corporation in the
18	hands of a taxpayer would be qualified
19	stock of an employee owned business ex-
20	cept that it was issued before December
21	31, 1993, and
22	"(ii) the taxpayer sells such stock to
23	such corporation or to an employees' trust
24	fund which is described in section 401(a)

1	and which is exempt from the tax under
2	section 501(a),
3	such stock shall be treated as qualified stock of
4	an employee owned business for purposes of ap-
5	plying subsection (a) to any gain of the tax-
6	payer on such sale.
7	"(B) Distributions to employees.—If
8	an employees' trust which is described in sec-
9	tion 401(a) and which is exempt from tax
10	under section 501(a)—
11	"(i) purchases stock in a corporation
12	at original issue from such corporation or
13	from a person who acquired such stock at
14	original issue from such corporation, and
15	"(ii) distributes such stock to an em-
16	ployee,
17	the stock distributed to such employee shall be
18	treated as acquired by the employee at original
19	issue and the employee's holding period for
20	such stock shall include the period from issu-
21	ance to distribution.
22	"(d) Employee Owned Business.—
23	"(1) In general.—For purposes of this sec-
24	tion, the term 'employee owned business' means any
25	domestic corporation if—

1	"(A) at least 50 percent of the employees
2	of the corporation own directly, or have allo-
3	cated to an account in an employees' trust de-
4	scribed in section 401(a) which is exempt from
5	tax under section 501(a), stock in such corpora-
6	tion, and
7	"(B) stock owned by the employees of the
8	corporation represents at least 30 percent of-
9	"(i) each class of outstanding stock of
10	the corporation, or
11	"(ii) the total value of all outstanding
12	stock of the corporation.
13	"(2) Exclusion of Certain Stock for pur-
14	POSES OF DEFINITION.—If an employee owns di-
15	rectly, or through an allocation to an account in an
16	employees' trust described in section 401(a) which is
17	exempt from tax under section 501(a), stock rep-
18	resenting more than 5 percent of—
19	"(A) each class of outstanding stock of the
20	corporation, or
21	"(B) the total value of all outstanding
22	stock of the corporation,
23	no stock owned by such employee directly or through
24	such an allocation shall be included under paragraph
25	(1)(B).

1	"(e) Active Business Requirement.—
2	"(1) In general.—For purposes of subsection
3	(c)(2), the requirements of this subsection are met
4	by a corporation for any period if during such pe-
5	riod—
6	"(A) at least 80 percent (by value) of the
7	assets of such corporation are used by such cor-
8	poration in the active conduct of 1 or more
9	qualified trades or businesses, and
10	"(B) such corporation is an eligible cor-
11	poration.
12	"(2) Special rule for certain activi-
13	TIES.—For purposes of paragraph (1), if, in connec-
14	tion with any future qualified trade or business, a
15	corporation is engaged in—
16	"(A) start-up activities described in section
17	195(c)(1)(A),
18	"(B) activities resulting in the payment or
19	incurring of expenditures which may be treated
20	as research and experimental expenditures
21	under section 174, or
22	"(C) activities with respect to in-house re-
23	search expenses described in section $41(b)(4)$,
24	assets used in such activities shall be treated as used
25	in the active conduct of a qualified trade or busi-

1	ness. Any determination under this paragraph shall
2	be made without regard to whether a corporation
3	has any gross income from such activities at the
4	time of the determination.
5	"(3) Qualified trade or business.—For
6	purposes of this subsection, the term 'qualified trade
7	or business' means any trade or business other
8	than—
9	"(A) any banking, insurance, financing,
10	leasing, investing, or similar business,
11	"(B) any farming business (including the
12	business of raising or harvesting trees), and
13	"(C) any business involving the production
14	or extraction of products of a character with re-
15	spect to which a deduction is allowable under
16	section 613 or 613A.
17	"(4) Eligible corporation.—For purposes
18	of this subsection, the term 'eligible corporation'
19	means any domestic corporation; except that such
20	term shall not include—
21	"(A) a DISC or former DISC,
22	"(B) a corporation with respect to which
23	an election under section 936 is in effect or
24	which has a direct or indirect subsidiary with
25	respect to which such an election is in effect,

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1	"(C) a regulated investment company, real
2	estate investment trust, or REMIC, and
3	"(D) a cooperative.
4	"(5) Stock in other corporations.—
5	"(A) Look-thru in case of subsidi-
6	ARIES.—For purposes of this subsection, stock
7	and debt in any subsidiary corporation shall be
8	disregarded and the parent corporation shall be
9	deemed to own its ratable share of the subsidi-
10	ary's assets, and to conduct its ratable share of
11	the subsidiary's activities.
12	"(B) Portfolio stock or securities.—
13	A corporation shall be treated as failing to meet
14	the requirements of paragraph (1) for any pe-
15	riod during which more than 10 percent of the
16	value of its assets (in excess of liabilities) con-
17	sists of stock or securities in other corporations
18	which are not subsidiaries of such corporation
19	(other than assets described in paragraph (6)).
20	"(C) Subsidiary.—For purposes of this
21	paragraph, a corporation shall be considered a
22	subsidiary if the parent owns more than 50 per-
23	cent of the combined voting power of all classes

of stock entitled to vote, or more than 50 per-

1	cent in value of all outstanding stock, of such
2	corporation.
3	"(6) Working Capital.—For purposes of
4	paragraph (1)(A), any assets which—
5	"(A) are held as a part of the reasonably
6	required working capital needs of a qualified
7	trade or business of the corporation, or
8	"(B) are held for investment and are rea-
9	sonably expected to be used within 2 years to
10	finance research and experimentation in a
11	qualified trade or business or increases in work-
12	ing capital needs of a qualified trade or busi-
13	ness,
14	shall be treated as used in the active conduct of a
15	qualified trade or business. For periods after the
16	corporation has been in existence for at least 2
17	years, in no event may more than 50 percent of the
18	assets of the corporation qualify as used in the ac-
19	tive conduct of a qualified trade or business by rea-
20	son of this paragraph.
21	"(7) Maximum real estate holdings.—A
22	corporation shall not be treated as meeting the re-
23	quirements of paragraph (1) for any period during
24	which more than 10 percent of the total value of its
25	assets consists of real property which is not used in

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1	the active conduct of a qualified trade or business.
2	For purposes of the preceding sentence, the owner-
3	ship of, dealing in, or renting of real property shall
4	not be treated as the active conduct of a qualified
5	trade or business.
6	"(8) Computer software royalties.—For
7	purposes of paragraph (1), rights to computer soft-
8	ware which produces active business computer soft-
9	ware royalties (within the meaning of section
10	543(d)(1)) shall be treated as an asset used in the
11	active conduct of a trade or business.
12	"(f) Stock Acquired on Conversion of Other
13	Sтоск.—If any stock in a corporation is acquired solely
14	through the conversion of other stock in such corporation
15	which is qualified stock of an employee owned business
16	in the hands of the taxpayer—
17	"(1) the stock so acquired shall be treated as
18	qualified stock of an employee owned business in the
19	hands of the taxpayer, and
20	"(2) the stock so acquired shall be treated as
21	having been held during the period during which the
22	converted stock was held.
23	"(g) Treatment of Pass-Thru Entities.—
24	"(1) IN GENERAL.—If any amount included in

gross income by reason of holding an interest in a

1	pass-thru entity meets the requirements of para-
2	graph (2)—
3	"(A) such amount shall be treated as gain
4	described in subsection (a), and
5	"(B) for purposes of applying subsection
6	(b), such amount shall be treated as gain from
7	a disposition of stock in the corporation issuing
8	the stock disposed of by the pass-thru entity
9	and the taxpayer's proportionate share of the
10	adjusted basis of the pass-thru entity in such
11	stock shall be taken into account.
12	"(2) Requirements.—An amount meets the
13	requirements of this paragraph if—
14	"(A) such amount is attributable to gain
15	on the sale or exchange by the pass-thru entity
16	of stock which is qualified stock of an employee
17	owned business in the hands of such entity (de-
18	termined by treating such entity as an individ-
19	ual) and which was held by such entity for
20	more than 5 years, and
21	"(B) such amount is includible in the gross
22	income of the taxpayer by reason of the holding
23	of an interest in such entity which was held by
24	the taxpayer on the date on which such pass-
25	thru entity acquired such stock and at all times

1	thereafter before the disposition of such stock
2	by such pass-thru entity.
3	"(3) Limitation based on interest origi-
4	NALLY HELD BY TAXPAYER.—Paragraph (1) shall
5	not apply to any amount to the extent such amount
6	exceeds the amount to which paragraph (1) would
7	have applied if such amount were determined by ref-
8	erence to the interest the taxpayer held in the pass-
9	thru entity on the date the qualified stock of an em-
10	ployee owned business was acquired.
11	"(4) Pass-thru entity.—For purposes of this
12	subsection, the term 'pass-thru entity' means—
13	"(A) any partnership,
14	"(B) any S corporation,
15	"(C) any regulated investment company,
16	and
17	"(D) any common trust fund.
18	"(h) Certain Tax-Free and Other Trans-
19	FERS.—For purposes of this section—
20	"(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a transfer
21	described in paragraph (2), the transferee shall be
22	treated as—
23	"(A) having acquired such stock in the
24	same manner as the transferor, and

1 "(B) having held such stock during any
2 continuous period immediately preceding the
3 transfer during which it was held (or treated as
4 held under this subsection) by the transferor.
5 "(2) Description of transfers.—A transfer
6 is described in this subsection if such transfer is—
7 "(A) by gift,
8 "(B) at death, or
9 "(C) from a partnership to a partner of
stock with respect to which requirements simi-
lar to the requirements of subsection (g) are
met at the time of the transfer (without regard
to the 5-year holding requirement).
"(3) CERTAIN RULES MADE APPLICABLE.—
Rules similar to the rules of section 1244(d)(2) shall
apply for purposes of this section.
17 "(4) Incorporations and reorganizations
18 INVOLVING NONQUALIFIED STOCK.—
"(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a trans-
action described in section 351 or a reorganiza-
tion described in section 368, if qualified stock
of an employee owned business is exchanged for
other stock which would not qualify as qualified
stock of an employee owned business but for
this subnaragraph such other stock shall be

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treated as qualified stock of an employee owned business acquired on the date on which the exchanged stock was acquired.

> LIMITATION.—This "(B) section shall apply to gain from the sale or exchange of stock treated as qualified stock of an employee owned business by reason of subparagraph (A) only to the extent of the gain which would have been recognized at the time of the transfer described in subparagraph (A) if section 351 or 368 had not applied at such time. The preceding sentence shall not apply if the stock which is treated as qualified stock of an employee owned business by reason of subparagraph (A) is issued by a corporation which (as of the time of the transfer described in subparagraph (A)) is an employee owned business.

> "(C) Successive application.—For purposes of this paragraph, stock treated as qualified stock of an employee owned business under subparagraph (A) shall be so treated for subsequent transactions or reorganizations, except that the limitation of subparagraph (B) shall be applied as of the time of the first transfer to which such limitation applied (determined after

1	the application of the second sentence of sub-
2	paragraph (B)).
3	"(D) CONTROL TEST.—In the case of a
4	transaction described in section 351, this para-
5	graph shall apply only if, immediately after the
6	transaction, the corporation issuing the stock
7	owns directly or indirectly stock representing
8	control (within the meaning of section 368(c))
9	of the corporation whose stock was exchanged.
10	"(i) Basis Rules.—For purposes of this section—
11	"(1) Stock exchanged for property.—In
12	the case where the taxpayer transfers property
13	(other than money or stock) to a corporation in ex-
14	change for stock in such corporation—
15	"(A) such stock shall be treated as having
16	been acquired by the taxpayer on the date of
17	such exchange, and
18	"(B) the basis of such stock in the hands
19	of the taxpayer shall in no event be less than
20	the fair market value of the property ex-
21	changed.
22	"(2) Basis of s corporation stock.—For
23	purposes of this section, the adjusted basis of stock
24	in an S corporation shall in no event be less than
25	its adjusted basis determined without regard to any

adjustment to the basis of such stock under section 1367.

"(3) Treatment of contributions to capITAL.—If the adjusted basis of any qualified stock of
an employee owned business is adjusted by reason of
any contribution to capital after the date on which
such stock was originally issued, in determining the
amount of the adjustment by reason of such contribution, the basis of the contributed property shall
in no event be treated as less than its fair market
value on the date of the contribution.

"(j) Treatment of Certain Short Positions.—

- "(1) IN GENERAL.—If the taxpayer has an offsetting short position with respect to any qualified stock of an employee owned business, subsection (a) shall not apply to any gain from the sale or exchange of such stock unless—
 - "(A) such stock was held by the taxpayer for more than 5 years as of the first day on which there was such a short position, and
 - "(B) the taxpayer elects to recognize gain as if such stock were sold on such first day for its fair market value.
- "(2) Offsetting short position.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the taxpayer shall be treated

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1	as having an offsetting short position with respect to
2	any qualified stock of an employee owned business
3	if—
4	"(A) the taxpayer has made a short sale of
5	substantially identical property,
6	"(B) the taxpayer has acquired an option
7	to sell substantially identical property at a fixed
8	price, or
9	"(C) to the extent provided in regulations,
10	the taxpayer has entered into any other trans-
11	action which substantially reduces the risk of
12	loss from holding such qualified stock.
13	For purposes of the preceding sentence, any ref-
14	erence to the taxpayer shall be treated as including
15	a reference to any person who is related (within the
16	meaning of section 267(b) or 707(b)) to the tax-
17	payer.
18	"(k) Coordination with Exclusion for Gain
19	FROM CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESS STOCK.—In the case of
20	qualified stock of an employee owned business that is also
21	qualified small business stock (as defined in section
22	1202(c))—
23	"(1) the taxpayer shall elect whether gain from
24	the sale of such stock is excluded under this section
25	or section 1202, and

1	"(2) the limitation under—
2	"(A) subsection (b) shall be reduced by the
3	amount of such gain excluded under section
4	1202, and
5	"(B) section 1202(b) shall be reduced by
6	the amount of such gain excluded under sub-
7	section (a).
8	"(l) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
9	such regulations as may be appropriate to carry out the
10	purposes of this section, including regulations to prevent
11	the avoidance of the purposes of this section through split-
12	ups, shell corporations, partnerships, or otherwise.".
13	(b) Exclusion Treated as Preference for Min-
14	IMUM TAX.—
15	(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 57
16	(relating to items of tax preference) is amended by
17	adding at the end the following new paragraph:
18	"(8) Exclusion for gains on sale of cer-
19	TAIN QUALIFIED STOCK OF AN EMPLOYEE OWNED
20	BUSINESS.—An amount equal to the amount ex-
21	cluded from gross income for the taxable year under
22	section 1203.".
23	(2) Conforming Amendment.—Subclause (II)
24	of section 53(d)(1)(B)(ii) is amended by striking
25	"and (7)" and inserting "(7), and (8)".

1	(c) Conforming Amendments.—
2	(1)(A) Section 172(d)(2) (relating to modifica-
3	tions with respect to net operating loss deduction) is
4	amended—
5	(i) by striking "and" at the end of sub-
6	paragraph (A),
7	(ii) by striking the period at the end of
8	subparagraph (B) and inserting "; and", and
9	(iii) by adding at the end the following new
10	subparagraph:
11	"(C) the exclusion provided by section
12	1203 shall not be allowed."
13	(B) Subparagraph (B) of section 172(d)(4) is
14	amended by inserting " $(2)(C)$," after " $(2)(B)$,".
15	(2) Paragraph (4) of section 642(c) is amend-
16	ed—
17	(A) by inserting "or 1203(a)" after
18	"1202(a)", and
19	(B) by inserting "1203, respectively" after
20	"1202".
21	(3) Paragraph (3) of section 643(a) is amended
22	by inserting "or 1203" after "1202".
23	(4) Paragraph (4) of section 691(c) is amended
24	hy striking "1202" and inserting "1202—1203"

1	(5) The second sentence of paragraph (2) of
2	section 871(a) is amended by striking "section
3	1202" and inserting "sections 1202 and 1203".
4	(6) The table of sections for part I of sub-
5	chapter P of chapter 1 is amended by adding after
6	the item relating to section 1202 the following new
7	item:
	"Sec. 1203. Exclusion for gain from sale or exchange of certain stock of an employee owned business.".
8	(d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
9	this section shall apply to stock issued on or after Decem-
10	ber 31, 1993.
11	SEC. 102. DEFERRAL OF CAPITAL GAINS TAX ON SALE OF
1112	SEC. 102. DEFERRAL OF CAPITAL GAINS TAX ON SALE OF EMPLOYER SECURITIES MODIFIED TO IN-
12	EMPLOYER SECURITIES MODIFIED TO IN-
12 13	EMPLOYER SECURITIES MODIFIED TO IN- CLUDE SECURITIES OF PUBLIC COMPANIES.
12 13 14 15	EMPLOYER SECURITIES MODIFIED TO INCLUDE SECURITIES OF PUBLIC COMPANIES. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1042(c)(1)(A) (relating to
12 13 14 15 16	EMPLOYER SECURITIES MODIFIED TO INCLUDE SECURITIES OF PUBLIC COMPANIES. (a) In General.—Section 1042(c)(1)(A) (relating to sales of stock to employee stock ownership plans) is
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12 13 14 15 16 17	EMPLOYER SECURITIES MODIFIED TO INCLUDE SECURITIES OF PUBLIC COMPANIES. (a) In General.—Section 1042(c)(1)(A) (relating to sales of stock to employee stock ownership plans) is amended by striking "that has no stock outstanding that are readily tradable on an established securities market".
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1	and profits) is amended by adding at the end the following
2	new clause:
3	"(v) Treatment of esop divi-
4	DENDS.—Clause (i) shall not apply to any
5	deduction allowable under section 404(k).".
6	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
7	subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after
8	December 31, 1993.
9	TITLE II—INCENTIVES TO
10	EMPLOYEES
11	SEC. 201. USE OF 401(k) PLANS WITHIN EMPLOYEE STOCK
12	OWNERSHIP PLANS.
13	(a) In General.—Section 4975(e)(7) (relating to
14	the definition of employee stock ownership plan) is amend-
15	ed by adding at the end the following: "An employee stock
16	ownership plan may include a qualified cash or deferred
17	arrangement under the same rules which apply to stock
18	bonus plans under section 401(k), and an employee stock
19	ownership plan may provide for matching contributions
20	under the same rules which apply to stock bonus plans
21	under section 401(m). Any contributions described in sec-
22	tion $401(k)(2)(A)$, and any matching contributions de-
23	scribed in section $401(m)(4)(A)$, which are made to an em-
24	ployee stock ownership plan may be used to make pay-
25	ments on a loan incurred for the purpose of acquiring

1	qualifying employer securities (as described in section
2	404(a)(9)).''.
3	(b) Elective Deferrals.—
4	(1) Increase in limit for certain con-
5	TRIBUTIONS.—Section 402(g) (relating to limitation
6	on exclusion for elective deferrals) is amended by
7	adding at the end the following new paragraph:
8	"(9) Increase in limit on elective defer-
9	RALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE STOCK
10	OWNERSHIP PLANS.—The limitation under para-
11	graph (1), as increased under paragraph (4), shall
12	be increased by the lesser of—
13	"(A) the amount of any elective deferrals
14	for contributions to an employee stock owner-
15	ship plan (as defined in section $4975(e)(7)$), or
16	"(B) \$3,000.".
17	(2) Cost-of-living adjustment.—Section
18	402(g)(5) (relating to cost-of-living adjustment) is
19	amended to read as follows:
20	"(5) Cost-of-living adjustment.—The Sec-
21	retary shall—
22	"(A) adjust the \$7,000 amount under
23	paragraph (1), and

1	"(B) in the case of years beginning after
2	1994, adjust the \$3,000 amount under para-
3	graph (9),
4	at the same time and in the same manner as under
5	section 415(d).".
6	(c) Effective Date.—
7	(1) The amendment made by subsection (a) is
8	effective as of November 6, 1979, with respect to
9	references to section 401(k) and effective October
10	22, 1986, with respect to references to section
11	401(m).
12	(2) The amendments made by subsection (b)
13	shall apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-
14	ber 31, 1993.
15	SEC. 202. REDUCTION OF TAX RATES ON EMPLOYEE STOCK
16	OWNERSHIP PLAN RETIREMENT DISTRIBU-
17	TIONS.
18	(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a) (relating to tax-
19	ability of beneficiary of exempt trust) is amended to read
20	as follows:
21	"(a) Taxability of Beneficiary Exempt
22	Trust.—
23	"(1) In general.—Except as otherwise pro-
24	vided in this section, any amount actually distrib-
25	uted to any distributee by any employees' trust de-

scribed in section 401(a) which is exempt from tax 1 2 under section 501(a) shall be taxable to the distributee, in the taxable year of the distributee in which 3 distributed, under section 72 (relating to annuities). "(2) Exclusion for portion of lump-sum 6 DISTRIBUTION FROM ESOPS.— "(A) DISTRIBUTION OF SECURITIES.—In 7

- the case of a lump-sum distribution of employer securities from an employee stock ownership plan (as defined in section 4975(e)(7)), there shall be excluded from gross income 50 percent of the net appreciation in securities of the employer corporation realized at the time of sale.
- "(B) Cash distribution.—If an employee stock ownership plan (as defined in section 4975(e)(7)) distributes cash in lieu of employer securities held immediately before the distribution, there shall be excluded from gross income an amount equal to 50 percent of the net appreciation of such employer securities.
- "(C) Treatment as Lump-sum distribu-TION.—For purposes of this paragraph, no distribution to any taxpayer other than an individual, estate, or trust may be treated as a lumpsum distribution under this paragraph.".

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1	(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2	this section shall apply to distributions made on or after
3	December 31, 1993.
4	SEC. 203. GAINS FROM THE SALE OR EXCHANGE OF CER-
5	TAIN EMPLOYER SECURITIES.
6	(a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chap-
7	ter 1 (relating to items specifically excluded from gross
8	income) is amended by redesignating section 137 as sec-
9	tion 138 and by inserting after section 136 the following
10	new section:
11	"SEC. 137. GAINS FROM THE SALE OR EXCHANGE OF CER-
12	TAIN EMPLOYER SECURITIES.
13	"(a) Treatment of Gain.—
14	"(1) GENERAL RULE.—In the case of an indi-
15	vidual, gross income shall not include gain from the
16	sale or exchange of qualified employer securities but
17	only if the sale or exchange occurs—
18	"(A) after the individual has attained the
19	age of 55;
20	"(B) after the individual has held the
21	qualified employer securities for 10 years while
22	employed by the corporation which issued the
23	qualified employer securities; and
24	"(C) during the 1-year period following the
25	individual's separation from service as an em-

- ployee of the corporation which issued the qualified employer securities.
- 3 "(2) DOLLAR LIMITATION.—The aggregate
- 4 amount which may be excluded under paragraph (1)
- for all taxable years shall not exceed \$100,000.
- 6 "(b) Definitions.—For purposes of this section, the
- 7 term 'qualified employer securities' means stock in a cor-
- 8 poration which was originally issued to, or purchased by,
- 9 the individual while the individual was employed by such
- 10 corporation.".
- 11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
- 12 for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 is amended by
- 13 redesignating the item relating to section 137 as section
- 14 138, and by inserting after the item relating to section
- 15 136 the following new item:
 - "Sec. 137. Gains from the sale or exchange of certain employer securities.".
- 16 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 17 this section shall apply to sales or exchanges occurring on
- 18 or after December 31, 1993.
- 19 SEC. 204. ALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION WITH RESPECT TO
- 20 **CERTAIN EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTIONS.**
- 21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 421 (relating to general
- 22 rules regarding certain stock options) is amended by add-
- 23 ing at the end the following new subsection:
- 24 "(d) Special Rule.—

1	"(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a transfer of
2	a share of stock in an employee owned business (as
3	defined in section 1203(c))—
4	"(A) subsection (a)(2) shall not apply, and
5	"(B) the corporation described in sub-
6	section (a)(2) shall be allowed, for the taxable
7	year in which the option is exercised, a deduc-
8	tion equal to the fair market value of the stock
9	at the time the option is exercised, reduced by
10	the fair market value of the stock at the time
11	the option is issued.
12	"(2) Options exercised by certain em-
13	PLOYEES.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any op-
14	tion exercised by an employee who—
15	"(A) during the taxable year in which the
16	option is exercised, receives compensation from
17	the corporation which exceeds \$200,000, or
18	"(B) on the date that the option is exer-
19	cised, owns stock representing greater than 5
20	percent of the total value of all outstanding
21	stock of the corporation.".
22	(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23	this section shall apply to options granted on or after
24	December 31, 1993.

1	SEC. 205. CERTAIN CORPORATIONS ALLOWED TO SPONSOR
2	EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLANS.
3	(a) In General.—Subparagraph (A) of section
4	1361(c)(2) (relating to definition of S corporation) is
5	amended by inserting after clause (iv) the following new
6	clause:
7	"(v) A trust established pursuant to
8	an employee stock ownership plan (as de-
9	fined in section 4975(e)(7)).''.
10	(b) Trustee Treated as Shareholder.—Sub-
11	paragraph (B) of section $1361(c)(2)$ (relating to definition
12	of S corporation) is amended by adding at the end the
13	following new clause:
14	"(v) In the case of a trust described
15	in clause (v) of subparagraph (A), the
16	trustee shall be treated as the share-
17	holder.''.
18	(c) Application of Unrelated Business Tax.—
19	(1) In general.—Subsection (b) of section
20	513 (relating to unrelated trade or business) is
21	amended—
22	(A) by striking "or" before "by a partner-
23	ship" and inserting a comma, and
24	(B) by inserting ", or by an S corporation
25	of which it is a shareholder" before the end pe-
26	riod.

- (2) Special rules.—So much of subsection 1 2 (c) of section 512 (relating to unrelated taxable income) as precedes paragraph (2) is amended to read 3 as follows: "(c) Special Rules Applicable to Partner-5 6 SHIPS AND S CORPORATIONS.— "(1) IN GENERAL.—If a trade or business regu-7 larly carried on by a partnership of which an organi-8 zation is a member, or by an S corporation of which 9 a trust established pursuant to an employee stock 10 11 ownership plan (as defined in section 4975(e)(7)) is 12 a shareholder, is an unrelated trade or business with respect to such organization or trust, such organiza-13 14 tion or trust shall, in computing its unrelated busi-15 ness taxable income (and subject to the exceptions, additions, and limitations contained in subsection 16 17 (b)), include its share (whether or not distributed) of 18 the gross income of the partnership or S corporation 19 from such unrelated trade or business and its share 20 of the partnership or S corporation deductions di-
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rectly connected with such gross income.".

23 Business Tax.—

1	(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1361 (relating to
2	definition of S corporation) is amended by adding at
3	the end the following new subsection:
4	"(e) Special Rule for Employee Stock Owner-
5	SHIP TRUSTS.—A trust shall not be treated as described
6	in clause (v) of subsection $(c)(2)(A)$ unless the S corpora-
7	tion the stock of which is held by such trust pays, or guar-
8	antees the payment by such trust of, any tax imposed by
9	section 511. Any such payment or guarantee shall be made
10	in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe and shall
11	not be treated as a contribution to the trust under section
12	404(a).''.
13	(2) Conforming amendments.—
14	(A) Section 408(b) of the Employee Retire-
15	ment Income Security Act of 1974 is amended
16	by adding at the end the following new para-
17	graph:
18	"(14) Any guarantee or payment of a tax liabil-
19	ity as described in section 1361(e) of the Internal
20	Revenue Code of 1986.".
21	(B) Subsection (d) of section 4975 (relat-
22	ing to tax on prohibited transactions) is amend-
23	ed by striking "or" at the end of paragraph
24	(14), by striking the period at the end of para-
25	graph (15) and inserting "; or", and by insert-

ing after paragraph (15) the following new 1 paragraph: 2 "(16) any guarantee or payment of a tax liabil-3 ity as described in section 1361(e).". 4 (e) Computation of Tax on Unrelated Busi-5 NESS INCOME.—Subsection (a) of section 511 (relating to imposition of tax on unrelated business income of charitable organizations) is amended by adding at the end the 8 following new paragraph: 10 "(3) Special rule for certain trusts.—In 11 the of trust described a in section 12 1361(c)(2)(A)(v), the tax imposed by paragraph (1) on such trust's pro rata share of an S corporation's 13 14 income pursuant to section 1366 shall be computed 15 by multiplying its pro rata share of such income by 16 the highest rate of tax specified in section 11(b).". 17 S CORPORATION STOCK DISTRIBUTIONS TO ESOP NOT TREATED AS CONTRIBUTIONS.—Section 19 404(a) (relating to deductions for contributions of an employer to an employee trust) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph: 21 22 "(10) DISTRIBUTIONS WITH RESPECT TO 23 STOCK OF S CORPORATION.—Distributions with respect to the stock of an S corporation made to an 24

employee stock ownership plan (as defined in section

- 1 4975(e)(7)) shall not be considered contributions for
- 2 purposes of this section or section 415(c).".
- 3 (g) DEDUCTION FOR S CORPORATION STOCK DIS-
- 4 TRIBUTIONS.—Paragraph (2) of section 404(k) (relating
- 5 to deduction for dividends paid on certain employer securi-
- 6 ties) is amended by adding at the end the following new
- 7 subparagraph:
- 8 "(C) DIVIDEND.—The term 'dividend'
- 9 shall include distributions with respect to stock
- of an S corporation which would be treated as
- a dividend but for the application of section
- 12 1368(a).".
- 13 (h) ESOP MAY DISTRIBUTE CASH.—The second
- 14 sentence of paragraph (2) of section 409(h) (relating to
- 15 right to demand employer securities put option) is amend-
- 16 ed to read as follows: "In the case of an employer that
- 17 is an S corporation or whose charter or bylaws restrict
- 18 the ownership of substantially all outstanding employer se-
- 19 curities to employees or to a trust described in section
- 20 401(a), a plan which otherwise meets the requirements of
- 21 this subsection or section 4975(e)(7) shall not be consid-
- 22 ered to have failed to meet the requirements of this sub-
- 23 section or section 401(a) merely because it does not permit
- 24 a participant to exercise the right described in paragraph
- 25 (1)(A) if such plan provides that participants entitled to

- 1 a distribution from the plan shall have a right to receive
- 2 such distribution in cash, except that such plan may dis-
- 3 tribute employer securities subject to a requirement that
- 4 such securities may be resold to the employer under terms
- 5 which meet the requirements of paragraph (1)(B).".
- 6 (i) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 7 this section shall apply to plans sponsored on or after De-
- 8 cember 31, 1993.

9 TITLE III—STATE PROGRAMS TO

10 ENCOURAGE EMPLOYEE

11 **OWNERSHIP**

- 12 SEC. 301. PROGRAMS REGARDING EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP
- 13 AND PARTICIPATION.
- 14 (a) Establishment of Program.—Not later than
- 15 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
- 16 Secretary of Labor (referred to in this section as the "Sec-
- 17 retary'') shall establish a program to facilitate the estab-
- 18 lishment of State programs to foster increased employee
- 19 ownership and greater employee participation in business
- 20 decisionmaking throughout the United States.
- 21 (b) Purpose of Program.—The Secretary shall es-
- 22 tablish the program under subsection (a) to encourage
- 23 State programs which focus on the following:
- 24 (1) Activities involving education and outreach
- 25 to inform individuals about the possibilities and ben-

1	efits of employee ownership, gainsharing, and par-
2	ticipation in business decisionmaking, including fi-
3	nancial education.
4	(2) Activities involving technical assistance to
5	assist employee efforts to become business owners.
6	(3) Activities involving participation training to
7	teach employees and employers methods of employee
8	participation in business decisionmaking.
9	(4) Activities involving training other organiza-
10	tions to apply for funding under this section.
11	(c) PROGRAM DETAILS.—In focusing on activities re-
12	ferred to in subsection (b), the Secretary may include in
13	the program provisions that would—
14	(1) in the case of activities under subsection
15	(b)(1)—
16	(A) provide for the targeting of key groups
17	such as retiring business owners, unions, man-
18	agers, trade associations, and community orga-
19	nizations;
20	(B) encourage cooperation in organizing
21	workshops and conferences; and
22	(C) provide for the preparation and dis-
23	tribution of materials concerning employee own-
24	ership and participation;

1	(2) in the case of activities under subsection
2	(b) (2)—
3	(A) provide for the performance of
4	prefeasibility assessments;
5	(B) provide assistance in the funding of
6	objective third party feasibility studies; and
7	(C) provide a data bank to help employees
8	find legal, financial, and technical advice in con-
9	nection with company ownership;
10	(3) in the case of activities under subsection
11	(b) (3)—
12	(A) provide for courses on employee par-
13	ticipation; and
14	(B) provide for the development and fos-
15	tering of networks of employee-owned compa-
16	nies to spread the use of successful participa-
17	tion techniques; and
18	(4) in the case of activities under subsection
19	(b) (4)—
20	(A) provide for visits to existing programs
21	qualified under this title by staff from new pro-
22	grams receiving funding under this title; and
23	(B) provide materials to be used by organi-
24	zations qualified under this title.

- 1 (d) REGULATIONS.—Regulations issued by the Sec-
- 2 retary pursuant to this title shall include provisions assur-
- 3 ing that any program within the several States established
- 4 for the purposes of this title be—
- 5 (1) proactive in encouraging actions and activi-
- 6 ties that will promote and encourage employee own-
- 7 ership of companies and participation in decision-
- 8 making therein; and
- 9 (2) comprehensive in emphasizing both em-
- ployee ownership of companies and employee partici-
- pation in company decisionmaking so as to boost
- productivity and broaden capital ownership.
- (e) Grants.—Any program established pursuant to
- 14 subsection (a) shall provide for grants to the program
- 15 within the several States in accordance with section 304.
- 16 SEC. 302. OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP AND PARTICI-
- 17 PATION.
- 18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish,
- 19 within the Department of Labor, the Office of Employee
- 20 Ownership and Participation (hereinafter referred to as
- 21 the "Office") to promote employee ownership,
- 22 gainsharing, and employee participation in company deci-
- 23 sionmaking.
- 24 (b) Functions.—The functions of the Office are
- 25 to—

1	(1) support programs within the several States
2	approved by the Secretary as being in compliance
3	with the program established pursuant to section
4	301; and
5	(2) facilitate the formation of new programs
6	within the several States for the purpose of accom-
7	plishing the goals of this title.
8	(c) Duties.—In carrying out its functions under
9	subsection (b), the Office shall—
10	(1) in the case of activities under subsection
11	(b)(1), support those programs within the several
12	States that are designed to achieve the goals and
13	purposes set forth in this title and to provide such
14	support by—
15	(A) making matching Federal grants under
16	section 304; and
17	(B) acting as a clearinghouse on tech-
18	niques employed by the programs within the
19	several States and disseminating information to
20	such programs, or funding such information
21	gathering and dissemination programs by
22	groups outside the Office; and
23	(2) in the case of activities under subsection
24	(b)(2), facilitate the formation of new programs by
25	encouraging the establishment of such programs in

- each of the 50 States, including the holding or fund-
- 2 ing of an annual conference to bring together rep-
- 3 resentatives from existing programs with the several
- 4 States and representatives from States without such
- 5 existing programs.

6 SEC. 303. ORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICE.

- 7 (a) DIRECTOR.—There shall be at the head of the
- 8 Office a Director of Employee Ownership and Participa-
- 9 tion (hereinafter referred to as the "Director") who shall
- 10 be appointed by the Secretary.
- 11 (b) EMPLOYEES.—In carrying out the functions of
- 12 the Office, the Director may select, appoint, employ, and
- 13 fix the compensation of such employees as shall be nec-
- 14 essary to carry out the functions of the Office.
- 15 SEC. 304. GRANTS.
- 16 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of making grants
- 17 authorized under the program established pursuant to sec-
- 18 tion 301, the Office is authorized to make grants for use
- 19 in connection with programs within the several States for
- 20 any of the following activities:
- 21 (1) Education and outreach.
- 22 (2) Participation training.
- 23 (3) Technical studies, including prefeasibility
- 24 and feasibility studies.

- 1 (4) Activities facilitating cooperation among 2 employee ownership firms.
- 5 (5) Training for newly formed organizations to be provided by existing organizations qualified under this title, except that such funding shall not exceed 10 percent of the total grants under this title and will not require matching State contributions.
- 8 (b) MATCHING.—Grants under this section shall be 9 made by the Office on a matching basis, \$1 of Federal 10 money for every 50 cents of non-Federal money.
- 11 (c) APPLICATIONS.—The Office shall prescribe the 12 form and information necessary for applications for grants 13 under this section.
- 14 (d) Amounts and Conditions.—The Office shall 15 determine the amounts and the conditions for grants made 16 under this section.
- 17 (e) Grants on Behalf of Other Entities.—
- 18 (1) STATE APPLICATIONS.—Each of the several 19 States may sponsor and submit applications on be-20 half of units of State or local governments, Statesupported institutions of higher education, and non-21 22 profit organization programs meeting the require-23 ments of this title, but in no case shall the aggregate 24 amounts of these grants made to any unit of State 25 or local government, State-supported institutions of

- higher education, or nonprofit organization programs exceed the amount set forth in subsection (g).
- 3 (2) Applications by entities.—In any case in which a State fails to establish a program pursu-5 ant to this title during any fiscal year, the Secretary 6 shall allow in the subsequent fiscal year entities de-7 scribed in paragraph (1) to make applications for grants on their own initiative. States would be al-8 9 lowed to submit applications in subsequent years as well but would no longer be able to screen applica-10 11 tions first for submission to this program.
- 12 (f) Annual Report.—Each grant recipient shall 13 submit an annual report to the Office setting forth how 14 all moneys from grants pursuant to this title were ex-15 pended during the 12-month period preceding the date of 16 the submission of the report.
- 17 (g) LIMITATIONS.—Grants to each of the recipients 18 shall be limited for each fiscal year as follows:
- 19 (1) Fiscal year 1994, not to exceed, in the ag-20 gregate \$200,000.
- 21 (2) Fiscal year 1995, not to exceed, in the ag-22 gregate \$220,000.
- 23 (3) Fiscal year 1996, not to exceed, in the ag-24 gregate \$242,000.

- 1 (4) Fiscal year 1997, not to exceed, in the aggregate \$266,200.
- 3 (5) Fiscal year 1998, not to exceed, in the ag-
- 4 gregate \$292,000.

5 SEC. 305. AUTHORIZATIONS.

- 6 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of making grants
- 7 pursuant to section 304, there are authorized to be appro-
- 8 priated the following:
- 9 (1) For fiscal year 1994, \$2,500,000.
- 10 (2) For fiscal year 1995, \$4,250,000.
- 11 (3) For fiscal year 1996, \$6,000,000.
- 12 (4) For fiscal year 1997, \$7,750,000.
- 13 (5) For fiscal year 1998, \$9,500,000.
- 14 (b) Administrative Expenses.—For the purpose
- 15 of funding the Office, there is authorized to be appro-
- 16 priated for each of the fiscal years 1994 through 1998
- 17 an amount not in excess of 7.5 percent of the maximum
- 18 amount available under subsection (b), or \$250,000,
- 19 whichever is the lesser.

20 SEC. 306. OFFICE REPORTING.

- 21 Prior to the expiration of the 36-month period follow-
- 22 ing the date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall
- 23 report to the Congress on the progress of employee owner-
- 24 ship and participation in businesses in the United States.

- 1 The report shall include a critical cost and benefit analysis
- 2 of program activities.

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